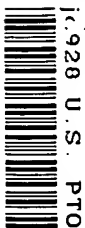


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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request to File a Divisional Application. Please amend the application as indicated below.

In the Specification

At page 1, amend the Title to read as indicated below and in the marked-up version included with this response as Attachment A:

P21  
Microcellular Foam and Foamed Composite Material

At page 1, insert before the first sentence:

P22  
This is a divisional application of co-pending application Serial No. 09/840,317, filed April 23, 2001, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/458,220, filed December 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,221,486; all of which applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.